

What is claimed:

1. A decorative assembly for supporting a floral grouping, the decorative assembly comprising:

- a preformed shape-sustaining support member selectively movable between a flattened condition and an expanded condition, in the expanded condition the preformed shape sustaining support member having an open upper end, an open lower end and a peripheral sidewall defining an internal chamber extending between the open upper end and the open lower end thereof, the peripheral sidewall of the preformed shape-sustaining support member having oppositely disposed creases formed thereon, each of the oppositely disposed creases extending substantially from the open upper end of the preformed shape-sustaining support member to the open lower end thereof for permitting the preformed shape-sustaining support member to be disposed in the flattened condition for storage and transportation, the preformed shape-sustaining support member further having a stabilizing member for stabilizing and maintaining the preformed shape-sustaining support member in the expanded condition;
- a sheet of fluid impermeable material disposed about the preformed shape-sustaining support member to provide a

decorative cover for the preformed shape-sustaining support member, the sheet of fluid impermeable material sized so that when the decorative cover is formed about the preformed shape-sustaining support member, a portion of the decorative cover extends a distance above the open upper end of the preformed shape-sustaining support member, the decorative cover cooperating with the internal chamber of the preformed shape-sustaining support member to define a reservoir for confining a liquid; and

a securing element for securing the decorative cover about the preformed shape-sustaining support member while maintaining at least a portion of the open upper end of the preformed shape-sustaining support member substantially uncovered by the decorative cover.

2. The decorative assembly of claim 1 wherein the preformed shape-sustaining support member is provided with a substantially frusto-conical configuration when the preformed shape-sustaining member is in the expanded condition.

3. The decorative assembly of claim 2 wherein the stabilizing member comprises an elastic member having a first end portion and an opposed second end portion, the first end portion of the elastic

member connected to the peripheral sidewall of the preformed shape-sustaining support member so as to be disposed substantially adjacent one of the creases formed in the peripheral sidewall of the preformed shape-sustaining support member and the opposed second end portion of the elastic member connected to the peripheral sidewall of the preformed shape-sustaining support member so as to be disposed substantially adjacent the oppositely disposed crease formed in the peripheral sidewall of the preformed shape-sustaining member so that when the elastic member is placed under tension, the preformed shape-sustaining support member is moved to the flattened condition and upon removal of tension on the elastic member, the preformed shape-sustaining support member moves to the expanded condition.

4. The decorative assembly of claim 3 wherein the preformed shape-sustaining support member is constructed of a polymeric material.

5. The decorative assembly of claim 1 wherein the preformed shape-sustaining support member is constructed of a polymeric material.

6. The decorative assembly of claim 1 wherein the stabilizing member comprises an elastic member having a first end

portion and an opposed second end portion, the first end portion of the elastic member connected to the peripheral sidewall of the preformed shape-sustaining support member so as to be disposed substantially adjacent one of the creases formed in the peripheral sidewall of the preformed shape-sustaining support member and the opposed second end portion of the elastic member connected to the peripheral sidewall of the preformed shape-sustaining support member so as to be disposed substantially adjacent the oppositely disposed crease formed in the peripheral sidewall of the preformed shape-sustaining member so that when the elastic member is placed under tension, the preformed shape-sustaining support member is moved to the flattened condition and upon removal of tension on the elastic member, the preformed shape-sustaining support member moves to the expanded condition.

7. The decorative assembly of claim 6 wherein the preformed shape-sustaining support member is constructed of a polymeric material.

8. A floral holding material comprising:

a preformed shape-sustaining support member selectively movable between a flattened condition and an expanded condition, in the expanded condition the preformed shape sustaining support member having an open upper end, an

open lower end and a peripheral sidewall defining an internal chamber extending between the open upper end and the open lower end thereof, the peripheral sidewall of the preformed shape-sustaining support member having oppositely disposed creases formed thereon, each of the oppositely disposed creases extending substantially from the open upper end of the preformed shape-sustaining support member to the open lower end thereof for permitting the preformed shape-sustaining support member to be disposed in the flattened condition for storage and transportation, the preformed shape-sustaining support member further having a stabilizing member for stabilizing and maintaining the preformed shape-sustaining support member in the expanded condition.

9. The floral holding material of claim 12 wherein the preformed, shape-sustaining support member is provided with a substantially frusto-conical configuration when the preformed, shape-sustaining member is in the expanded condition.

10. The floral holding material of claim 12 wherein the stabilizing member comprises an elastic member having a first end portion and an opposed second end portion, the first end portion of the elastic member connected to the peripheral sidewall of the

preformed shape-sustaining support member so as to be disposed substantially adjacent one of the creases formed in the peripheral sidewall of the preformed shape-sustaining support member and the opposed second end portion of the elastic member connected to the peripheral sidewall of the preformed shape-sustaining support member so as to be disposed substantially adjacent the oppositely disposed crease formed in the peripheral sidewall of the preformed shape-sustaining member so that when the elastic member is placed under tension, the preformed shape-sustaining support member is moved to the flattened condition and upon removal of tension on the elastic member, the preformed shape-sustaining support member moves to the expanded condition.

11. The floral holding material of claim 14 wherein the preformed shape-sustaining support member is constructed of a polymeric material.

12. The floral holding material of claim 12 wherein the preformed shape-sustaining support member is constructed of a polymeric material.